

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) A method, comprising:
counting an untransmitted frame to determine a count of silence frames;
determining a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame;
and storing the silence description frame.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
receiving the active frame; and
storing the active frame.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising decoding a file comprising an active frame and the silence description frame.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising receiving a packet describing comfortable noise.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining the untransmitted frame represents a silence frame.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence of frames comprises a silence frame.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.
9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to the active frame.
11. (Previously Presented) An apparatus, comprising:
 - a network interface; and
 - a silence description frame filer coupled to said network interface to determine a count of silence frames; and
 - a data storage device coupled to said silence description frame filer to store a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame.
12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a decoder to decode a file comprising the active frame and the silence description frame.
13. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said network interface comprises a packet-switching interface.
14. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor coupled to said data storage device.
15. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to count an untransmitted frame.
16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises a microprocessor to determine the silence description frame.
17. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a data storage controller coupled to said silence description frame filer.
18. (Original) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein said data storage device comprises a

memory device coupled to said silence description frame filer.

19. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:
 - a variable-size packet transmitter; and
 - a silence description frame filer coupled to said variable-size packet transmitter to store a silence description frame that includes a count of silence frames and has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame.
20. (Original) The system of claim 19, further comprising a decoder coupled to an output device.
21. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode active audio in a fixed-size packet.
22. (Original) The system of claim 19, wherein said variable-size packet transmitter comprises a microprocessor to encode a video difference in a fixed-size packet.
23. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 19, wherein said silence description frame filer comprises microprocessor to store a silence description frame.
24. (Previously Presented) A machine-readable medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause said machine to perform operations, comprising:
 - counting an untransmitted frame to determine a count of silence frames;
 - determining a silence description frame that includes the count of silence frames, wherein the silence description frame has a size equivalent to the size of an active frame; and
 - storing the silence description frame.
25. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 further comprising:
 - receiving the active frame;
 - storing the active frame.

26. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said counting an untransmitted frame comprises determining a sequence comprises a silence frame.
27. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a pattern to demarcate the silence description frame.
28. (Canceled)
29. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said determining a silence description frame comprises determining a frame to decode as an invalid frame.
30. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein said storing the silence description frame comprises storing the silence description frame adjacent to the active frame.